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EMBTEL 206 Jordan 12-5 SUPERSONICS FOR JORDAN. B1-(3a)3

BRIGADIER GENERAL AMER KHAMMASH RETURNED AMMAN OCT 12 [redacted] B1 MADE ABSOLUTELY NO PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AND DESPITE ASSURANCES DEFENSE MINISTER MESSMER HAD GIVEN KING, FELT HE WAS SUBJECTED TO DELIBERATE RUN-AROUND. MESSMER HAD REFUSED HIS REQUEST FOR SECOND MEETING AND WORKING LEVEL IN DEFENSE OBVIOUSLY STALLING.

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[redacted] THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO DISCUSSION OF B1
SPECIFICATIONS OR PROMISE OF DELIVERY DATES OR CREDIT TERMS. ONLY SPECIFIC FIGURE HE RECEIVED WAS PRICE OF 481,700,000 FRANCS FOR 36 MIRAGE III E, BUT HE SUSPECTED THIS WAS KNOCKED DOWN VERSION LEBANESE REQUESTED AND THAT TYPE PLANE WITH SPARES THAT JORDAN NEEDED WOULD COST ABOUT 1,200,000 POUNDS PER PLANE.

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[redacted] REPORTED TO KING WHO CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO DEMONSTRATE FOR TREATMENT KHAMMASH RECEIVED AND TO URGE THAT SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ASAP. [redacted] HAD REOPENED DISCUSSIONS RE LIGHTNINGS WITH BRITISH. [redacted] ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY PREFERENCE BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH, AND EMBOFF SAID WE ONLY WANTED SEE JORDAN MEET SUPERSONIC REQUIREMENT WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN MODEL ON BEST TERMS POSSIBLE. [redacted] THOUGHT LIGHTNING MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO UAC, BUT ADMITTED THERE WAS STRONG ANTI-BRITISH SENTIMENT.

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